

**Amendment No. 1 to HB0088**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 138\***

**House Bill No. 88**

by deleting Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-34-115, is amended by adding the following new subsections (j) and (k):

(j)

(1) The governing body of a municipal utility system subject to this section that supervises, controls, or operates a public water or public sewer system, including, but not limited to, those systems using a separate utility board pursuant to any public or private act, must meet the training and continuing education requirements in this subsection (j).

(2) All members of the municipal utility board of commissioners shall, within one (1) year of initial appointment or election to the board of commissioners or within one (1) year of reappointment or reelection to the board of commissioners, attend a minimum of twelve (12) hours of training and continuing education in one (1) or more of the subjects listed in subdivision (j)(4).

(3) In each continuing education period after the initial training and continuing education required by subdivision (j)(2), a municipal utility board commissioner shall attend a minimum of twelve (12) hours of training and continuing education in one (1) or more of the subjects listed in subdivision (j)(4). For the purposes of this subsection (j) and subsection (k), "continuing education period" means a period of three (3) years beginning January 1 after the calendar year in which a municipal utility board commissioner completes the training and

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continuing education requirements set forth in subdivision (j)(2) and each succeeding three-year period thereafter.

(4) The subjects for the training and continuing education required by this subsection (j) shall include, but not be limited to, board governance, financial oversight, policy-making responsibilities, and other topics reasonably related to the duties of the members of the board of commissioners of a municipal utility.

(5) Any association or organization with appropriate knowledge and experience may prepare a training and continuing education curriculum for municipal utility board commissioners covering the subjects set forth in subdivision (j)(4) to be submitted to the comptroller of the treasury for review and approval prior to use. The comptroller shall file a copy of approved training and continuing education curriculum with the water and wastewater financing board. Changes and updates to the curriculum must be submitted to the comptroller for approval prior to use. Any training and continuing education curriculum approved by the comptroller must be updated every three (3) years and resubmitted to the comptroller for review and approval.

(6) For purposes of this subsection (j), a municipal utility board commissioner may request a training and continuing education extension of up to six (6) months from the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee. The request shall only be granted upon a reasonable showing of substantial compliance with this subsection (j). If the extension is granted, the municipal utility board commissioner must complete any additional required training hours necessary to achieve full compliance for only the relevant continuing education

period within the extension period. The municipal utility board commissioner shall file copies of any extension request letters and corresponding comptroller of the treasury determination letters with the water and wastewater financing board.

(k) If any member of a municipal utility board of commissioners fails to meet the training and continuing education requirements set forth in subsection (j) before the end of the continuing education period or before the end of any extension approved by the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee, then the water and wastewater financing board shall have full discretion to order reasonable sanctions against the municipality, including, but not limited to, the municipality being ineligible to receive assistance from the Tennessee local development authority under § 68-221-1206(a)(3).

**AND FURTHER AMEND** by deleting Section 2 and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly.